

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th April 1988
at 8pm in the Community Centre.

Present: Members of the Parish Council, the County Councillor
about 60 residents and the clerk.

Apologies were received from: R.J. Farrington, F.J. Kilner,
P.D. Rice and R.T. Summerfield.

Mrs. L.M. Lock, chairman of the Parish Council, extended a warm
welcome to all present.

166/88 1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 1987 were confirmed
and signed as a true record.

2. Matters Arising

A45 Footbridge No progress had been made.

3. Accounts. The accounts for 1987/88 were presented.

4. Chairman's Report. The chairman began her report by remembering
K.P. Humphries and A.D.J. Bull who had recently died. Both
had been active in village affairs and would be sadly missed.
An appropriate memorial for Ken Humphries could possibly be
incorporated in the village sign.

It had been a busy year with planning meetings, site visiting,
visitors to council, meetings with South Cambs officials, all
in addition to the normal monthly meeting.

Tesco and Open Space. The year began with the news that the Tesco
application had been granted. Parish Council concerns included
the impact of traffic, lights, noise, litter on the environment.

As a result of negotiations with the developers £200,000 had been
promised to the village plus £100,000 towards the cost of
preparing a new recreation ground. Council's contractor
Mumby & Sons would soon start to prepare the ground.

Traffic. There was much concern about traffic, especially heavy
lorries. A police census of traffic travelling north showed that
there were no problems. Council had asked for a census of
traffic travelling south.

RMC and EEB had agreed to ask their lorries to use the by-pass.
Tesco refused to open petrol sales half an hour later each
morning in order to reduce traffic through the village at the
time when children walk to school.

Butt Lane developers had been co-operative. The new school
entrance would have an area for turning and parking. Council
was also looking into help for cyclists by asking for pedestrian
lights at the Science Park and dual use of the path opposite the
Science Park.

Lighting at the Landbeach Road/A10 junction had been erected.

Dogs Fouling. As usual there were many complaints about dogs
fouling paths. S.C.D.C. were in the process of making a bye-law
but this was difficult to enforce.

A bye law could be enacted for the recreation ground and play areas but Council had decided not to proceed.

Paths. Milton was poorly served by public footpaths. A meeting was arranged with the County Footpaths officer to look into ways of improving footpath walks round Milton.

Country Park. A Public Inquiry into Compulsory Purchase Orders was due to be held in October. The Parish Council would be kept fully informed.

The Country Park would be low key recreation, walking etc. Adequate access and car parking were priority areas.

Play. Council were negotiating a figure with Dorther Properties for maintenance of the bund and play areas.

The Play Committee had designed a play area which Hillson & Twigden had promised verbally to provide.

Replacement of the present play equipment was necessary plus facilities for older children.

Thanks were due to the charities for the offer of £1000 towards new play equipment.

Community Centre. M.P.C. had supported the Centre financially. The final payment to Willmott Ltd was still to be paid. Thanks to S.B. Poulter for his help.

Acoustic lining had been installed. Thanks were due to L. Sandford.

New gang mowers had been bought.

The chairman thanked the Management Committee, Mr. Jones and Mr. Patten for a successful year.

Thanks were due also to all clubs for making it a lively Centre.

School. Plans for the school extension were now at hand. Development traffic would use the spine road not Butt Lane.

Library. It was important to urge the County Council and library services to provide Milton with this facility.

1991/2 was considered the earliest possible date for a library if it could be included in the Medium Term Plan.

The Community Centre area was now a possible site.

The site by the butcher's shop was too small, Tesco unacceptable to the library service and the original nursery site unlikely.

The mobile library was under used. Ideas for more convenient times to provide a better service were being sought.

Grass Cutting. Mr. Hall had maintained the various areas well in 1987 though he did not tender for the work in 1988. Mr. Rumble would continue to cut the grass in 1988.

Village Cleaning. M.P.C. were grateful to Mr. Shipp for keeping the bus shelters clean and other areas of the village.

Shopping. The shopping expeditions continue. Thanks to Suzannah Jones of Youth Action.

Policeman. P.C. Barringer had been confirmed as village policeman. He had attended Council meetings regularly.

Village Voice. Thanks to F.J. Kilner and all who had helped with the production of the Village Voice.

Trees. Thanks also to R. Day and his helpers for planting trees and to E.M.C. Dunlop, John Coston and Roy Martin for planting laurels at the front of the industrial estates.

Finally the chairman thanked the clerk and his wife for their support.

5. Question and Answer Session. The following points were raised:

- i) Responsibility for the upkeep of landscaping at Tesco and their embankment would be Tesco's; the new recreation ground the Parish Council's.
- ii) There was a very strong feeling that M.P.C. should continue to press for a footbridge over the A45 perhaps with the help of Jim Paice M.P.
- iii) Concern was expressed about the Goding Way/Fen Road junction. Safety mirrors on lamp posts opposite were proposed.
- iv) It was proposed that consideration continue to be given for payment towards bus passes. (This was reviewed annually).
- v) A request that Cambus should be asked to reinstate the 9.30 bus to Cambridge on Saturdays was made.
- vi) In view of the rubbish, vomit and nuisance caused especially in the Cambridge Road bus shelter there was an opinion voiced that the bus shelters should be demolished.
M.P.C. had considered this course of action. In the end it had been agreed to have them repaired.
P.C. Barringer regularly removed the offenders. If the situation became worse he could use the "Public Order Act."

vii) Planning concerns

- a) The number of times M.P.C. was supported by S.C.D.C. when objecting to applications.
(Not enough - L.M. Lock)
- b) Possible further commercial development in High Street.
(Perrys had been granted on appeal)
- c) Costain Ltd notice illegally erected on the public highway.
- d) The illegal caravan site in Chesterton Fen Road.
(The inspector had allowed caravans two years to move)
- e) Builders working on Sundays, Good Friday etc.
- f) 3 storey buildings on Bovis site overlooking bund -
(M.P.C. did not approve but were overruled by S.C.D.C.)

6. Proposed Recreation Facilities. A full and lively discussion was held concerning the proposed recreation ground.

L.M.L. explained that originally it was hoped that the Community Centre would be the centre of the village and that the new recreation ground would be used for the more formal team sports.

£200,000 had been offered by the developers and Tesco to be spent on the recreation ground. In addition M.P.C. had accepted £100,000 to take on the preparation of the new recreation ground - levelling, draining, seeding (a condition of planning approval). Cost to the Council for this work amounted to £46,335.

As yet nothing had been committed except the preparation of the ground.

A swimming pool/sports complex idea where possibly the library could also be sited was suggested.

The Sports Council Advisory Panel would be able to give advice.

The Tennis Club felt that at least three courts were necessary.

Changing rooms/pavilion at least twice the size of the present one would be needed.

The Football and Cricket Clubs preferred to stay at Coles Road unless better facilities could be provided at the new recreation ground.

A paddling pool for toddlers was suggested and the provision of walks around the recreation ground and along the bund.

Council's contractors hoped to seed the ground in Autumn 1988.

It was hoped that also the land known as Middleton's Pit would be seeded in Autumn.

L.M.L. concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for their ideas which had given Council plenty of food for thought.

Mrs. Waterson thanked Mrs. Lock for the manner in which she had conducted the meeting and all the councillors for their hard work.

The meeting ended at 9.55pm.

Signed Lucy M. Bowman Lock Chairman 24th April 1989 Date